

#### Stone Ridge Club Archaeological Report and Recommendations.

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This report details the results of my archaeological reconnaissance of the proposed Stone Ridge Club development property, located approximately 3.5 miles (5.5 km) west of McAllister, Montana on South Meadow Creek Road (Figure 1). As of this writing, the project is in a relatively early planning stage. Plans call for the development of 26 building lots ranging in size between 2.569 and 3.0 acres (Figure 2). Twenty-four of the lot sites are located in the south 2/3 of the SE ½ S 26, T. 4 S., R. 2. W. Two lot sites are located on the eastern edge of the NE ½ S 35, T. 4 S., R. 2 W. In addition to the residential development, a clubhouse and tennis courts are planned near the south center of the S 26 SE ½ and a horse stable and horse pasture on the north portion of S 36. Present plans call for the demolition of five existing abandoned and badly deteriorated structures consisting of a house and four outbuildings. From a total land area of 201.452 acres 67.394 acres are dedicated to individual parcels; the remainder of 134.058 is dedicated to the club. Within the 2.5 to 3.0 acre areas of individual parcels, a substantially smaller portion is assigned to the building envelope for that parcel.

The proposed development lies about one-half mile west of the confluence of Leonard Creek with South Meadow Creek. Three geological mapping units define the development area. (Kellogg, Ruleman, Vuke 2007). A large ridge of archean metamorphic rocks defines the northern two thirds of the SE 1/4 of S 26. The ridge crest trends from WSW to NNE and decreases in elevation toward the east. Quaternary alluvium and loess occupy a small triangle in the SE corner of S 26 and lower lying areas on both banks of South Meadow Creek. Undivided gravel deposits of Pleistocene age constitute the majority of the property located in the NW 1/4 of S 35. Mapped soils have developed in accordance with parent material and topographic setting (See Figure 3, and Appendix I): Nuley-Rock outcrop complex on the ridge of Archean metamorphic rocks, Varney Clay loam on the small triangle of Quaternary alluvium and loess in the SE corner of S 26 and NE corner of S 35, and Beaverell cobbly loam on the gravel deposits south of South Meadow Creek in the NE 1/4 of S 35. Both the Nuley-Rock outcrop complex and the Beaverell cobbly loam are shallow soils of very limited development. (http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx Sec. 26 T4S, R2W NRCS Web Soil Survey for Madison County, Montana, Stone Ridge Club Area, June 17, 2009) (Figure 3). Somewhat greater soil profile development characterizes the Varney clay loam soils but they are still relatively shallow soils with most development in the top five inches (13 cm). The chances of finding deeply buried cultural deposits in any of the contexts within the development boundaries are extremely remote. As an example, in the Nuley-Rock outcrop complex, lithic bedrock forms a restrictive feature at 10 to 20 inches (25.5 - 51 cm) from surface. A typical profile for the Beaverell cobbly loam exhibits a very gravelly clay loam at 4 to 17 inches (10-43 cm) below surface.

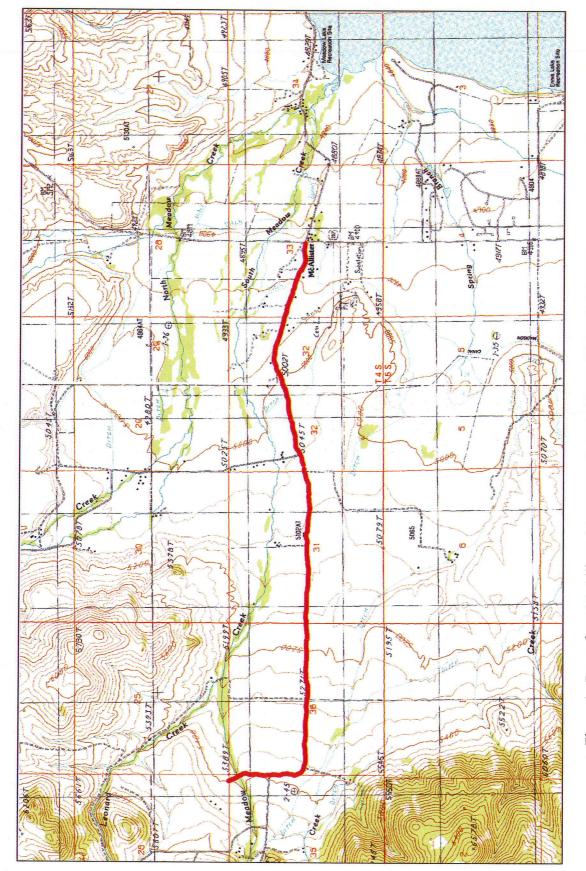


Figure 1. Route from McAllister, Montana to Proposed Stone Ridge Club location.

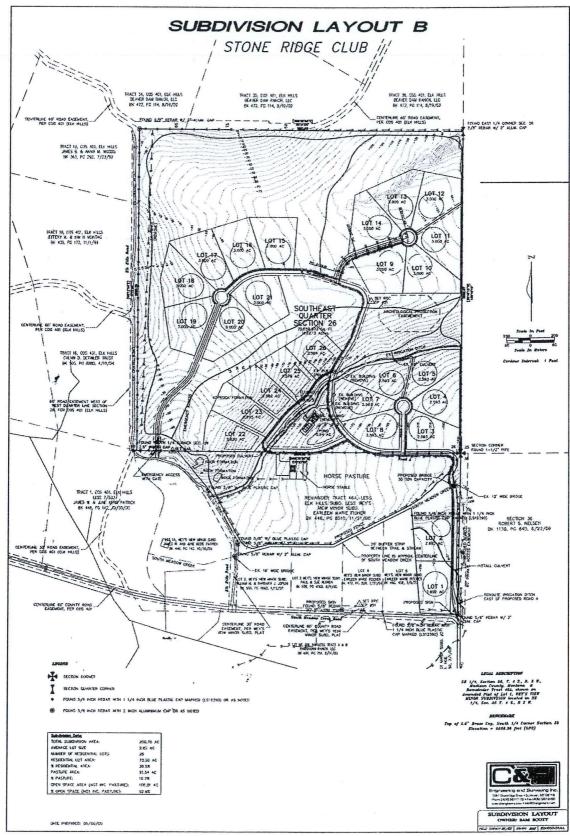


Figure 2. Plan view of proposed Stone Ridge Club layout.



Figure 3. Custom Soil Map of proposed Stone Ridge Club development.

I visited the location with David R. Grigsby, of DRG Architects, on May 15, 2009 to evaluate the cultural resources present on the property. Over most of the site, at the time of our visit vegetation conditions were nearly ideal for viewing the surface for exposed cultural materials. The grasses were greening up and a small herd of cattle (~20 head) had grazed much of the ridge and field on the south side of the quarter section. Heavy sage brush growth to the north of the ridge crest made observation of the ground surface difficult, but sufficient clear patches existed to gain an impression of possible surface cultural materials. The reconnaissance identified three cultural resource sites (See Figure 4). Upon arriving at the property we began by conducting a pedestrian survey beginning near the ridge crest about 220 yd. (200 m) north of the SE corner of S 26. Almost immediately I observed the presence of flaking debris composed almost exclusively of dacite, a dark gray to black fine-grained igneous rock suitable for stone tool manufacture. The nearby Chapman dacite quarry (24MA1618) (Baumler and others 2001) located about 1.5 miles (2.4 km) northeast is the probable source. Scattered debris and occasional artifacts appeared along the south facing slope of the ridge for a distance of about 220 yd. (200 m). The remains of what appears to have been a small cache of bifaces and flakes was found about 110 yd. (100 m) east of the starting point on the boundary between sections 25 and 26 and some 55 yd (50 m) south of the ridge crest.. I collected a single large, well-thinned dacite biface (L 20.5 cm X W 11.8 cm X T 1.8 cm) (8.0" X 4.6" X 0.7") from the cache and left the remainder of the materials, mostly dacite bifaces broken during manufacture, and both dacite and cryptocrystalline flakes in place. I designated this cultural resource site as SRC-P1 and prepared a Montana Cultural Resources Information System (CRIS) form for submission to the University of Montana for assignment of a Smithsonian Institution archaeological site number. (See Appendix II). From my examination of this site, it appears unlikely that buried cultural materials are likely to be found. Bedrock outcrops exist along the ridge crest and scattered at lower elevations on the south face. Most of the surface sediment consists of decomposed bedrock with limited aeolian deposition and no indication of Holocene age alluvial deposits.

Prominent alterations to the existing landscape derive from the homestead era. The most obvious disturbances relate to agricultural activities. These were mostly confined to the SE corner of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  S 26 and the northern portion of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  S 35. An irrigation ditch divides the grazing land to the north from the more southerly crop lands immediately north of South Meadow Creek . Rock lines along existing and abandoned fence lines attest to the arduous exercise of field clearing. Five wooden structures represent the remains of a historic farmstead in the southwest corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of S 26. They form a linear cluster lying south of the irrigation ditch and roughly parallel. Building #1, the most southwesterly, is a house, approximately 22 x 40 ft. (6.7 X 12.2 m), with stone rubble foundation, clapboard siding over stick frame with a 12 x 20 ft. (3.7 X 6.1 m) section composed of sided-over log. This may be the remains of the original homestead cabin. The house is the only building that has some square nails, which are located in the log portion. The rest of this and the other buildings have

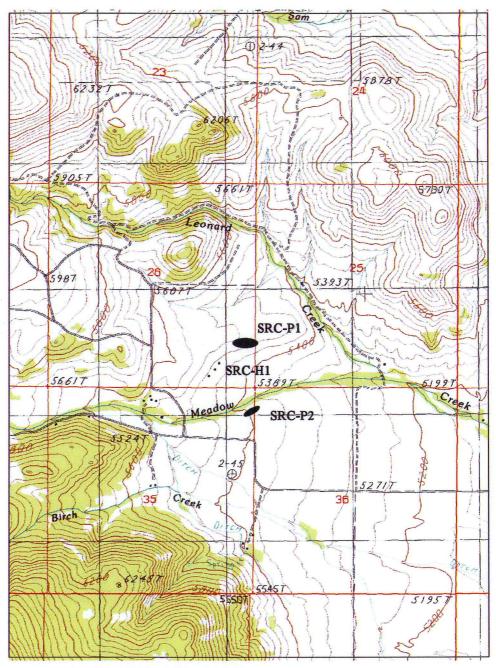


Figure 4. Location of cultural resource sites identiied in the proposed Stone Ridge Club Development, SE 1/4 S 26 and NE 1/4 S 35 T4S R2W (Leonard Creek 1:24,000 quadrangle).

exposed round head nails. To the NNE, Building # 2 was a Chicken Coop about 20 x 30 ft. (6.1 X 9.1 m), stick framed, dirt floor, some chicken-wired openings. Building #3 was a hay barn. It is about 18 x 22 ft. (5.5 x 6.7 m), log walled with stick framed roof and gables. It has a low hay loft area about 5 ft. (1.5 m) off the dirt floor area below. Building #4 appears to be a hog shed about 8 x16 ft. (2.4 X 4.9 m), lower half log, upper half stick framed, and a dirt floor. Building #5 was an exterior stick framed granary on a monolithic concrete floor, about 14 x 30 ft. (4.3 X 9.1 m).

American Land and Title Co. of Ennis, MT conducted a title search on this property. Their title search revealed 12 owners between 1984 and the present (See Table 1). A web search for original homestead information on the property produced information that disagrees with that yielded by the title search. The title search lists the acquisition date of the property by Soloman M. Bronner as 1894; the Madison County land records search listed the patent date as August 20, 1892 (Table 2). Homesteaders had to pay filing fees totaling \$14 to \$16 (eastern vs. western properties) and did not receive a patent on their property until they had "proved up" on the property by moving onto it within six months of filing, by residing on the property and making certain improvements for five years. Within seven years of initial filling the homesteader had to validate his claim to the land by having two witnesses attest to the validity of his claim and paying proving up fees that ranged from \$4 to \$6 depending on location (Dick 1970: 139). Exceptions to that provision of the Homestead Act of 1862 existed but were rarely employed. A homesteader with the necessary financial resource might elect to pay for the land at a predetermined price per acre. Given these considerations, unless the homestead records contain an error, it is possible that Bronner occupied the land as early as 1886 and almost certainly by 1888, but no later than 1892 when his patent was granted.

The name Soloman M. Bronner does not appear to be particularly prominent among important historic figures in the Madison Valley. I have been unable to find any other references to him in historic literature or in the burial and cemetery records for Madison County. It is possible that some of the buildings on the property date to the original homestead. The most likely original building is the house, whose framed sections appear to have emerged from a previously constructed log cabin. All of the buildings are dilapidated and have received various modifications over the years. I designated this cultural resource site as SRC-H1 and prepared a Montana Cultural Resources Information System (CRIS) form for submission to the University of Montana for assignment of a Smithsonian Institution archaeological site number. (See Appendix III). Given their remote location, condition, extent of modification, and lack of affiliation with a prominent historic individual they appear to be of limited historic value. Your plans call for razing these buildings and I doubt you will encounter any serious objections.

On a low bench south of South Meadow Creek in the NE¼ S 35 along the eastern boundary with S 36 a diffuse (approx. 1 item per 9 sq. ft or 0.84 sq. m ) scatter of relatively small (< .25 sq in. or 1.6 sq. cm) dacite flakes is distributed over an area of about 100 x 150 ft. ( 22.8 X 45.7 m). We observed no chronologically diagnostic

specimens during our visit. This same scatter extends across the section line into S 36 but the extent is unknown. Geologically the scatter is situated on moderately sorted, moderately rounded to well-rounded, poorly bedded sand and gravel of Pleistocene age. I designated this cultural resource site as SRC-P2 and prepared a Montana Cultural Resources Information System (CRIS) form for submission to the University of Montana for assignment of a Smithsonian Institution archaeological site number. (See Appendix IV). There is no indication of recent alluvial deposition, which suggests little chance of subsurface cultural deposits.

Table 1. Title search results for landownership SE1/4 S26, T4S R2W,

Landowner(s)	Acquired	Transferred
Bronner, Soloman M. & Jane	18941	1918
Beeler, Joseph & Minnie	1 1918	1927
Glade, George & Rose	1 1927	1928
Bausch, Harry	1 1928	1940
Bausch, Martha	1 1940	1 1945
Cain, Harold & Isla	11945	1 1946
Glarscock, H. O. & Gertrude	11946	1947
Little, George & Madge	1 194/	1951   1962
Robert, Alex & Rubie Liggett, Merle, Regna, & William S., III & Rodie, Constance	1951   Feb. 1962	May 1962
Liggett, Merle, Regna, & William S.,III & Rodie, Constance Nelson, Robert & Geraldine	Feb. 1962   May 1962	2006
Scott, Sam & Sherry	2006	Present

Table 2. Abbreviated data from Soloman M. Bronner homestead record

NAME	BRONNER, SOLOMAN M.
MERIDIAN	20
RANGE	004 S
SECTION	26
ACERAGE	251101 (Homestead)
CASETYPE	PA (Patent)
DATE	08/20/1892

Your plans specify part of the area of the lithic scatter as Lot 2, a building site with the housing envelope extending into the area of the lithics. Considering the diffuse nature of the cultural materials and the remote likelihood of buried deposits I see little reason not to use the location as planned.

I commend you for your willingness to have the property assessed for cultural resources and to set aside a substantial archaeological protection easement. Given the nature of the resources I have identified I believe you have met your responsibility to protection/preservation of Montana's cultural resources within the confines of the proposed Stone Ridge Club.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> At <a href="http://www.mtgenweb.org/">http://www.mtgenweb.org/</a> path is "Archives" – "Madison County" – "Land Records - B" then scroll down to Brunner, Soloman. Final url is <a href="http://files.usgwarchives.org/mt/madison/land/b.txt">http://files.usgwarchives.org/mt/madison/land/b.txt</a>. This file lists August 20, 1892 as the date of Soloman M. Brunner's patent. This discrepancy in the chronology of ownership begs several contradictory explanations. Brunner either paid off the homestead claim in advance, initially filed claim for the property in 1888, or there is a mistake in the records.

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# APPENDIX I Custom Soil Survey for Madison County Stone Ridge Club Property



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Natural Resources Conservation Service A product of the National Cooperative Soil Survey, a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local participants

# Custom Soil Resource Report for Madison County Area, Montana

**Stone Ridge Club Property** 



### **Preface**

Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (http://soils.usda.gov/sqi/) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app? agency=nrcs) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist (http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state\_offices/).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Soil Data Mart Web site or the NRCS Web Soil Survey. The Soil Data Mart is the data storage site for the official soil survey information.

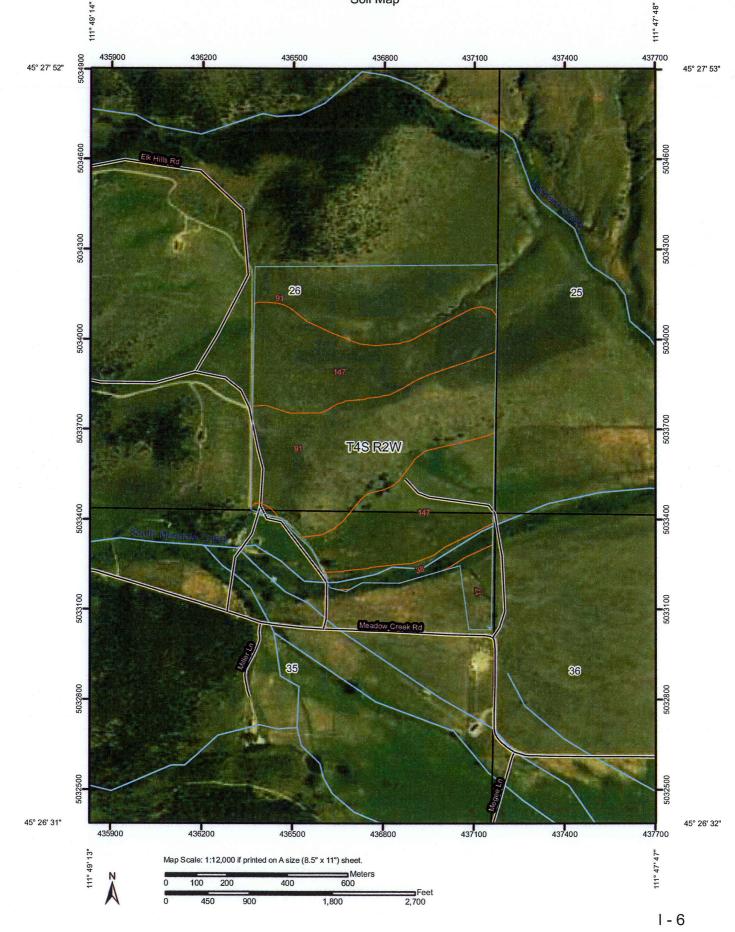
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United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. 1961. Land capability classification. U.S. Department of Agriculture Handbook 210.

## Soil Map

The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.

#### Custom Soil Resource Report Soil Map



#### This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below. compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident. The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000. Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for accurate map The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL: http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov Coordinate System: UTM Zone 12N NAD83 Map Scale: 1:12,000 if printed on A size (8.5" × 11") sheet. Date(s) aerial images were photographed: 8/5/2005 Soil Survey Area: Madison County Area, Montana Survey Area Data: Version 11, Feb 26, 2008 MAP INFORMATION measurements. PLSS Township and Range Streams and Canals Interstate Highways Short Steep Slope Very Stony Spot PLSS Section Special Line Features Major Roads Local Roads US Routes Wet Spot Oceans Other Gully Other Cities Political Features Rails Nater Features **Transportation** MAP LEGEND ‡ Severely Eroded Spot Area of Interest (AOI) Miscellaneous Water Closed Depression Marsh or swamp Perennial Water Mine or Quarry Soil Map Units Special Point Features Rock Outcrop **Gravelly Spot** Slide or Slip Saline Spot Sandy Spot Sodic Spot Stony Spot **Borrow Pit** Clay Spot **Gravel Pit** Lava Flow Spoil Area Area of Interest (AOI) Blowout Sinkhole Landfill Э Soils

#### Map Unit Legend

Madison County Area, Montana (MT636)				
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI	
17	Beaverell cobbly loam, cool, 0 to 6 percent slopes	6.3	3.1%	
38	Cryaquolls, nearly level	7.4	3.7%	
91 Nuley-Rock outcrop complex, 8 to 35 percent slopes		103.3	51.5%	
147	Varney clay loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes	83.7	41.7%	
Totals for Area of Interest		200.7	100.0%	

#### **Map Unit Descriptions**

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments

on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An association is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

#### Madison County Area, Montana

#### 17—Beaverell cobbly loam, cool, 0 to 6 percent slopes

#### **Map Unit Setting**

Elevation: 2,400 to 6,500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 10 to 16 inches Mean annual air temperature: 37 to 45 degrees F

Frost-free period: 80 to 130 days

#### **Map Unit Composition**

Beaverell and similar soils: 90 percent Minor components: 10 percent

#### **Description of Beaverell**

#### Setting

Landform: Drainageways on terraces

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Gravelly alluvium

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 6 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Well drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high

(0.57 to 1.98 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 15 percent Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm) Available water capacity: Very low (about 2.9 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e

Land capability (nonirrigated): 6s

Ecological site: Shallow to Gravel (SwGr) 9-14" p.z. (R044XS338MT)

#### Typical profile

0 to 4 inches: Cobbly loam

4 to 17 inches: Very gravelly clay loam

17 to 60 inches: Stratified very gravelly loamy sand

#### **Minor Components**

#### Beaverell, stony

Percent of map unit: 4 percent Landform: Drainageways on terraces

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: Shallow to Gravel (SwGr) 9-14" p.z. (R044XS338MT)

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Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Landform: Drainageways on stream terraces

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: Silty (Si) 9-14" p.z. (R044XS339MT)

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Percent of map unit: 3 percent Landform: Flood plains Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: Shallow to Gravel (SwGr) 9-14" p.z. (R044XS338MT)

#### 38—Cryaquolls, nearly level

#### **Map Unit Composition**

Cryaquolls and similar soils: 95 percent

Minor components: 5 percent

#### **Description of Cryaquolls**

#### Setting

Landform: Swales, drainageways, flood plains

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Gravelly alluvium

#### Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 4 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Poorly drained

Depth to water table: About 6 to 30 inches

Frequency of flooding: Rare Frequency of ponding: None

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 5w

#### **Minor Components**

#### Nonhydric

Percent of map unit: 5 percent.

#### 91—Nuley-Rock outcrop complex, 8 to 35 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 4,300 to 6,500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 10 to 14 inches

Mean annual air temperature: 37 to 45 degrees F

Frost-free period: 90 to 115 days

#### **Map Unit Composition**

Nuley and similar soils: 65 percent

Rock outcrop: 20 percent

Rentsac and similar soils: 10 percent

Minor components: 5 percent

#### **Description of Nuley**

#### Setting

Landform: Hills, structural benches

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Loamy residuum weathered from gneiss

#### Properties and qualities

Slope: 8 to 35 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 40 to 60 inches to lithic bedrock

Drainage class: Well drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high

(0.57 to 1.98 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 30 percent Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm) Available water capacity: Low (about 3.6 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 6e

Ecological site: Sandy (Sy) 9-14" p.z. (R044XS335MT)

#### Typical profile

0 to 4 inches: Sandy loam 4 to 11 inches: Sandy clay loam 11 to 24 inches: Gravelly sandy loam 24 to 42 inches: Gravelly coarse sand 42 to 46 inches: Unweathered bedrock

#### **Description of Rock Outcrop**

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 8

#### **Description of Rentsac**

#### Setting

Landform: Hills, ridges

Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder, backslope

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Residuum weathered from calcareous sandstone

#### Properties and qualities

Slope: 8 to 25 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 10 to 20 inches to lithic bedrock

Drainage class: Well drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (1.98 to 5.95 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 15 percent

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 4.0 mmhos/cm)

Available water capacity: Very low (about 1.5 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 7e

Ecological site: Shallow Limy (SwLy) 9-14" p.z. (R044XS612MT)

#### Typical profile

0 to 4 inches: Channery loam 4 to 16 inches: Very channery loam 16 to 20 inches: Unweathered bedrock

#### **Minor Components**

#### Nuley, thick surface

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Landform: Hills, structural benches

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: Sandy (Sy) 9-14" p.z. (R044XS335MT)

#### 147—Varney clay loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes

#### **Map Unit Setting**

Elevation: 4,300 to 6,500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 10 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 39 to 45 degrees F

Frost-free period: 90 to 105 days

#### **Map Unit Composition**

Varney and similar soils: 90 percent Minor components: 10 percent

#### **Description of Varney**

#### Setting

Landform: Alluvial fans, hills, stream terraces Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Fine-loamy alluvium

#### Properties and qualities

Slope: 2 to 8 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Well drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high

(0.57 to 1.98 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 30 percent Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm) Available water capacity: Moderate (about 7.4 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e

Land capability (nonirrigated): 3e

Ecological site: Silty (Si) 9-14" p.z. (R044XS339MT)

#### Typical profile

0 to 5 inches: Clay loam

5 to 16 inches: Gravelly clay loam

16 to 48 inches: Gravelly sandy clay loam

48 to 60 inches: Stratified gravelly loamy sand to loam

#### **Minor Components**

#### Varney, cobbly loam

Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Landform: Alluvial fans, hills, stream terraces Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: Silty (Si) 9-14" p.z. (R044XS339MT)

#### Rock outcrop

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

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#### APPENDIX II

#### MONTANA CULTURAL RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM FORM

for

**Cultural Resource Site SRC-P1** 

#### 1. IDENTIFICATION

#### \*required to receive Smithsonian

number					
1.1 Smithsonian Number:	ii= i ioia = ooigiiaa.oiii oiio=				
1.3 Project Name: Stone F	Ridge Club developm				
1.4 Agency Project Numb	er: N. A.	1.5 Consultant Project	ct Number:	SRC	
2. LOCATION					
	2 Section:26 1/4 Se	action(s): NE SE	*2.2 County: Mad	ison	
2.1 Township.4 Range.	2 0000011.20 /4 00	ection(s). NE, SE,	2.2 County. Mad	13011	
*2.3 UTM Coordinates: Zo	ne E 437149m; N 5	5033526m	*Datum used: N	IAD 27 conus	
*2.4 Administrative/Surfac	ce Ownership: (Age	ncy/Region/District/Office)	Private		
*2.5 7.5' USGS Map Name	, <b>Date:</b> Leonard Cre	ek, Montana 1997			
2.6 Narrative of access: F					
McAllister road turns right (l 26 corner. Proceed north o			er proceed N along fe	ence line to S	
2.7 City/Town: McAllister, N	MT Vicinity of: No	orth of Ennis, Montana, wes	st of Ennis Lake.		
3. DESCRIPTION					
*3.1 Site Category (choose	one): Prehistoric	Historic Paleontological	Combination Other		
*3.2 Site Type (see recomn	nended site type list,	choose all that apply): Lith	nic workshop		
3.3 Narrative Description the Cashman Quarry (24M/my visit I identified one piece facing slope a short distance the knappers were trying to substantial sediment depose rock from the ridge itself.  3.4 Site Dimensions: Approverse Surface visibility: Low 3.5 Feature Descriptions: consider to be a related sur 3.6 Artifacts: (✓ all that approverse in the Cashman (V) and visit in the Cashman (V	A1618) a short distarte of obsidian and see below the ridge creavoid the prevailing ition in the area of the oximately 200 m E-V surface visibility. Other than a possible face feature of culture.	nce to the NW. Lithic debrist overal chert flakes Most of est and on the leeward (SE winds that blow from the Wellithic debris and most soil Wellithic Mellithic Section Wellithic Mellithic Section Mellithic S	s consists mostly dad f the materials appea ) side of large boulde /NW. There is no ind I appears to derive fi	cite, but during ar on a south ers, as though dication of from degraded	
<b>Description:</b> Observed	artifacts consisted o	f one complete and four pa	rtial bifaces and nun		
dacite flakes, one obsidian i 3.7 Diagnostic Artifacts: N	flake, and three large	e chert flakes.	to wore found		
3.7 Diagnostic Artifacts. N	io culturally of Chron	ologically diagnostic artifac	is were round.		
3.8 Subsurface Testing: N	one				
3.9 Site function/interpreta	ation: lithic reduction	on/manufacturing locatio	n.		
4. PERIOD		-			
4.1 Apparent Time Period Prehistoric ?	of Site (use dropdov Historic	vns): Paleontologica	al		

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5.1 Geographic Setting: South side of divide (ridge crest) between Leonard Creek and South Meadow				
Creek. 300m north of South Meadow Creek, 10 mile: 5.2 Contour: Known Approximate Unknown	5.3 Elevation: 5480 a.m.s.l.			
5.4 View/Aspect (estimated direction and distance 10 miles to crest of Tobacco Roots.	e): South 15 miles, East to crest of Madison range, west			
5.5 Sediments: Sandy loam Soils classified as Nuley from gneiss. Deposition: Surface Only Buried O				
5.6 Available Water Sources (use dropdown):				
5.7 Major River Drainage (name, distance, elevation): Madison River 10 miles 4900				
5.8 Minor Drainage (name, distance, elevation): South Meadow Creek 300 m 5400				
<b>5.9 Local Vegetation:</b> Wheatgrass, Idaho fescue, sage, cottonwood.	Regional Vegetation: Dry steppe			

#### 6. ASSESSMENT, RECORDING & MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 Significance: Principal significance resides in the proximity to the Cashman Quarry, a major lithic resource acquisition area of southwestern Montana.
- 6.2 Condition/Integrity: Modification by agricultural practices and domestic cattle have undoubtedly impacted the integrity of artifact locations.
- 6.3 Possible impacts to site: The developers of the Stone Ridge Club intend to set aside the area of cultural resource site SRC-P1 as an archaeological protection easement.
- 6.4 Evaluation: Does this property meet National Register criteria for eligibility? Yes No Unevaluated

Evaluation Procedures/Justification: Examination of the site area reveals limited soil depth and development. Artifacts appear to have been mostly transported or disturbed by various agencies. No evidence of cultural or chronological relationship is to be expected.

6.5 Recording status: surface examination photo map subsurface tested

6.6 Recommendations (use dropdown):

Comments: Nature of sediment deposition appears to preclude the possibility of buried deposits.

6.7 Site Located by: Iom E. Roll	Date Located: 5/15/09		
6.8 Site Recorded by: Tom E. Roll	Date Recorded: 6/2/09		
6.9 Site form update and revisions by:	Date updated:		
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- 6.10 Federal/State Permit No: None
- 6.11 Publication(s)/Report(s) where site is described: None
- 6.12 Artifact Repository: Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Montana State Univ.
- 6.13 Field notes/maps/photos repository: all notes/maps/photographs attached to this form.
- **6.14 Photographs:** As accompany this form.
- \*6.15 Map: Attach a sketch map (if applicable) and photocopy of 7.5' Quad showing site location.

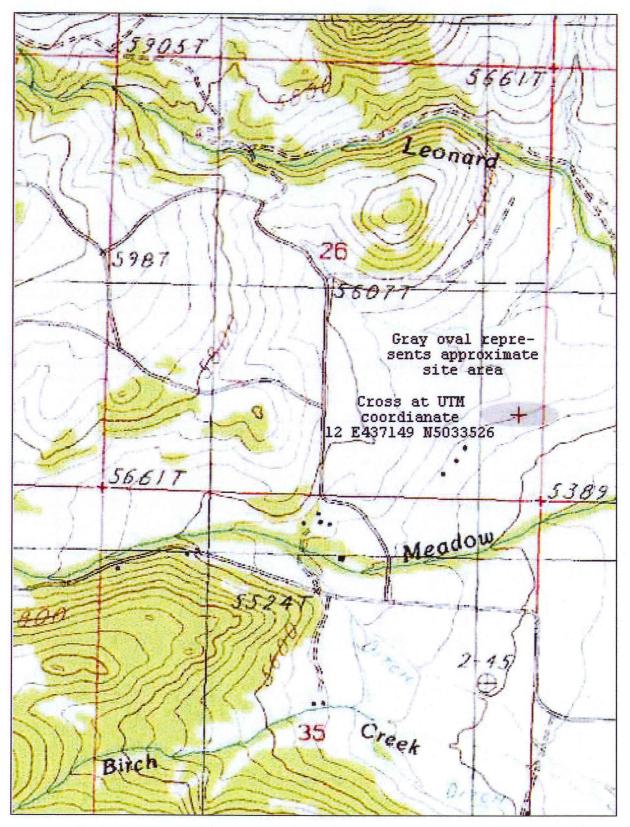


FIGURE II - 1. SRC prehistoric site 1 indicated by shaded oval. Cross near center of oval indicates UTM coordinate: Zone 12, E437149 N533526, location of biface cache (?).



Figure II - 2. Dave Grigsby observing lithic cache (?).



Figure II - 3. Close up of Dacite Biface and biface fragments in cache (?



Figure II - 4. Large chert flake associated with dacite bifaces in lithic cache (?).



Figure II - 5. Dacite flakes found on southeast side of large quartzite outcrop near S26, S25 boundary south of ridge crest.

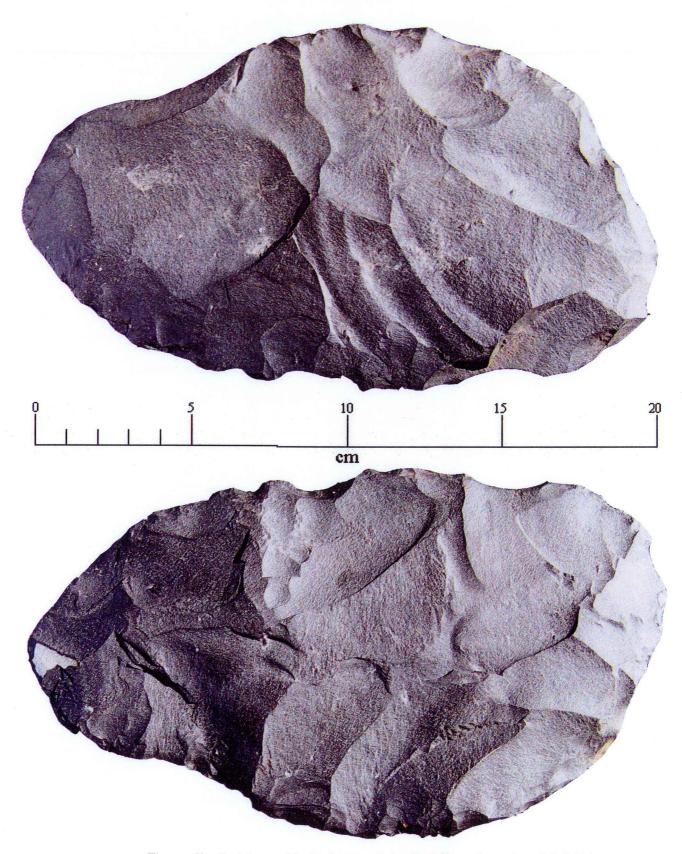


Figure II - 6. View of both faces of dacite biface found at SRC-P1

#### APPENDIX III

#### MONTANA CULTURAL RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM FORM

for

**Cultural Resource Site SRC-H1** 

#### 1. IDENTIFICATION

#### \*required to receive Smithsonian

number 1.1 Smithsonian Number:	1.2 Field Designation	: SRC-H1
1.3 Project Name: Stone Ridge Club deve		
1.4 Agency Project Number:	1.5 Consultant Project	ct Number: SRC
2. LOCATION		
*2.1 Township:4 Range:2 Section:26	1/4 Section(s): SE,	*2.2 County: Madison
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*2.3 UTM Coordinates: Zone E 43686		*Datum used: NAD 27 conus
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*2.4 Administrative/Surface Ownership		Private
*2.5 7.5' USGS Map Name, Date: Leonar	d Creek, MT, 1997	
	McAllister, MT drive west on Lov	
Approximately 3 miles from McAllister road S 26 SE corner.	d turns north for 1/8 mile then we	st. At corner drive directly north to
2.7 City/Town: McAllister, MT Vicinity	of: Ennis, MT, Ennis Lake.	
3. DESCRIPTION		
*3.1 Site Category (choose one): Prehist		
*3.2 Site Type (see recommended site type		toric Homestead/Farmstead,
Historic Residence, Historic Agriculture, H 3.3 Narrative Description of Site:	istoric irrigation System.  A roughly triangular til	led field about 300 m N-S on the
east and 400 m E-W on the south, bounded		
farmstead near the western apex of the tri	angle. Building #1, is a house, a	pproximately 22'x40', with stone
rubble foundation, clapboard siding over s		
maybe original cabin). This is the only but		
rest of this and the other buildings have ex		
20'x30', stick framed, dirt floor, some chick 18'x22', log walled with stick framed roof a		
below. Building #4 appears to be a hog sl		
Building #5 was an exterior stick framed g 3.4 Site Dimensions: Structures in a stag	geređ line about 120 m WSW-EN	NE. Total area of field approx 18
acres	d field readily visible	
Surface visibility: Both structures and 3.5 Feature Descriptions:	d field readily visible.	
3.6 Artifacts: ( ✓ all that apply) Chipped S	tone Wood Ground Stone Ceram	nics Rone Trade Other
<b>Description:</b> Structures are of log and		
3.7 Diagnostic Artifacts: N.A. Square an	d round head nails.	
3.8 Subsurface Testing: None		
3.9 Site function/interpretation: Late 19	h to mid 20th century agricultural r	residence and fields.
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4.1 Apparent Time Period of Site (use dropdowns): **Prehistoric** 1890-1950(?) Historic **Paleontological** 

needle-and-thread grasses.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING 5.1 Geographic Setting: Immediately north of South Meadow creek, west of Madison River approx 10 miles. 5.2 Contour: Known Approximate Unknown | 5.3 Elevation: 5600' 5.4 View/Aspect (estimated direction and distance): Tobacco Root Mountains 5 miles due west, Madison Range to the East approx 15 miles.

5.5 Sediments: Clay loam Soil classified as Varney clay loam. Parent material fine-loamy alluvium. **Deposition:** Surface Only Buried Only Surface and Buried Redeposited Other **5.6 Available Water Sources** (use dropdown): 5.7 Major River Drainage (name, distance, elevation): Madison approx. 10 miles 4900' 5.8 Minor Drainage (name, distance, elevation): South Meadow Creek 50 m 5400' 5.9 Local Vegetation: Wheatgrass, Idaho fescue. Regional Vegetation: Dry steppe

#### 6. ASSESSMENT, RECORDING & MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 Significance: Questionable significance, property long abandoned, most recent use as cattle range.
- 6.2 Condition/Integrity: Structures are badly deteriorated. From appearance of construction details most of the structures probably post date 1900.
- 6.3 Possible impacts to site: If present development plans progress all of the structures will be demolished.
- 6.4 Evaluation: Does this property meet National Register criteria for eligibility? Yes No Unevaluated

Evaluation Procedures/Justification: The location of the property is remote from commonly traveled tourist routes. Earliest w landownership by Soloman M. Bronner who apparent homsteaded the parcel. **6.5 Recording status:** surface examination photo map subsurface tested

6.6 Recommendations (use dropdown):

Comments: None

6.7 Site Located by: Tom E. Roll Date Located: May 15, 2009 6.8 Site Recorded by: Tom E. Roll Date Recorded: June 1, 2009

6.9 Site form update and revisions by: N. A. Date updated: N.A.

6.10 Federal/State Permit No: N.A.

6.11 Publication(s)/Report(s) where site is described: None

6.12 Artifact Repository: None collected

6.13 Field notes/maps/photos repository: See attachments and figures.

6.14 Photographs: See figures

\*6.15 Map: Attach a sketch map (if applicable) and photocopy of 7.5' Quad showing site location. See Attached

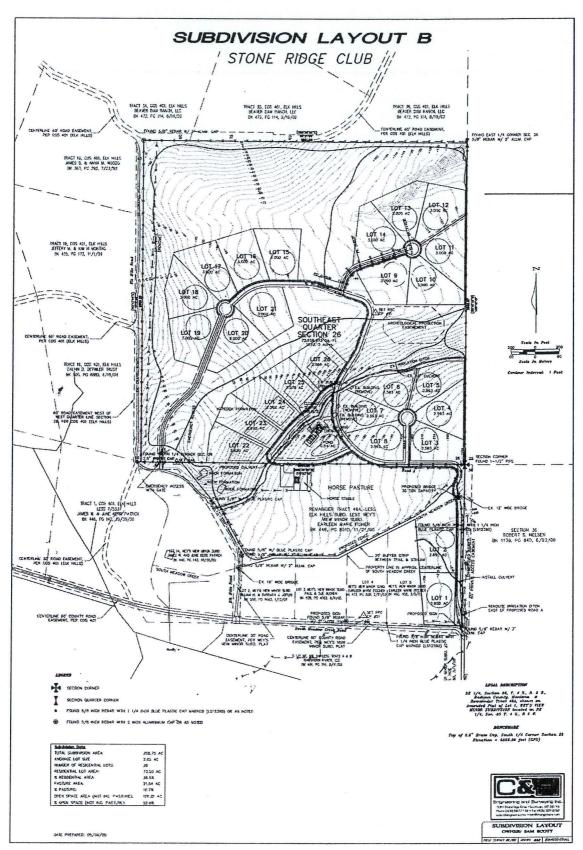


Figure III -1. Proposed Stone Ridge Club development plan, SE 1/4 S 26 and NE 1/4 S35, T4S R4E.

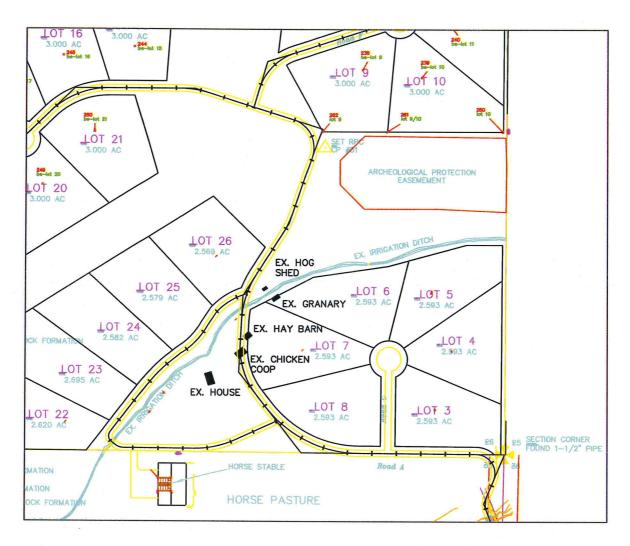


Figure III - 2. Plan view of existing structures scheduled for demolition within the proposed Stone Ridge Club Development.

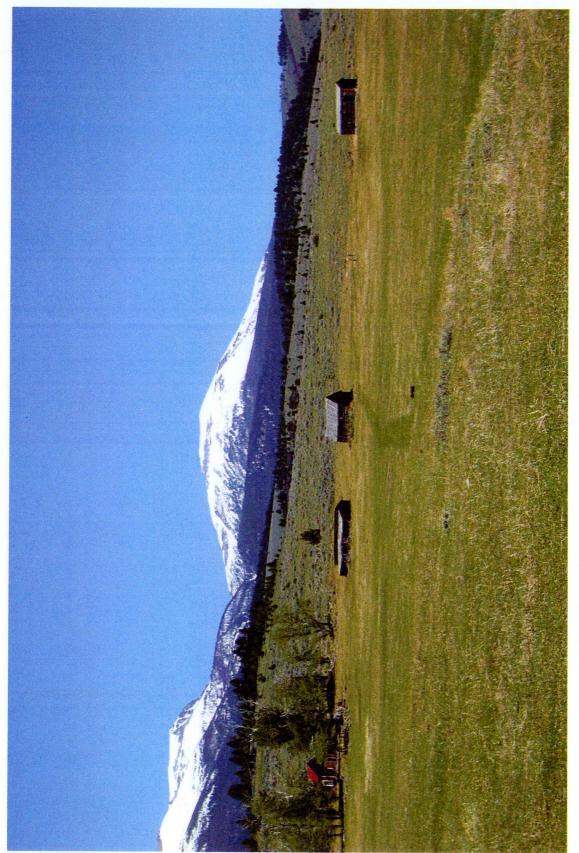


Figure IIi- 3. Historic farmstead panoramic view, building # 1 to # 4 left to right (building 5 hidden behind building # 4) (Looking WNW).



Figure III - 4. Building # 1, house, east elevation.



Figure III - 5. Building #1 house, south elevation.



Figure III - 6. Building # 1, house interior.



Figure III - 7. Building #2, chicken coop, east elevation.



Figure III - 8. Building # 3, hay barn, east elevation.

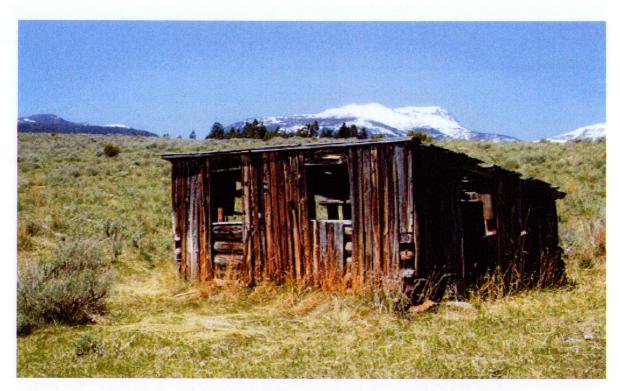


Figure III - 9. Building # 4, hog shed (?), southeast elevation.



Figure III - 10. Building # 5, granary, south elevation (note hog shed in left background).

#### APPENDIX IV

#### MONTANA CULTURAL RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM FORM

for

**Cultural Resource Site SRC-P2** 

# 1. IDENTIFICATION

#### \*required to receive Smithsonian

**Paleontological** 

number	roquirou :	0 1000110 01111111001111111		
1.1 Smithsonian Number:	1.2 Field Designation: SRC_P2			
1.3 Project Name: Stone Ridge Club develo				
1.4 Agency Project Number: N.A.	1.5 Consultant Projec	t Number: SRC		
2. LOCATION		140.00		
*2.1 Township:4 Range:2 Section:35 ½	4 Section(s): NW, NW,	*2.2 County: Madison		
*2.3 UTM Coordinates: Zone E 437211m;		*Datum used: NAD 27 conus		
UTM for approxima	ate site center			
*2.4 Administrative/Surface Ownership: (/	Agency/Region/District/Office) F	Private		
*2.5 7.5' USGS Map Name, Date: Leonard	Creek, MT, 1997			
2.6 Narrative of access: From McAllister, M McAllister road turns right (N) for 1/8 mi. Ro edge of terrace overlooking right bank of So	ad then turns left (W). At corne			
2.7 City/Town: McAllister, MT Vicinity of	: North of Ennis, MT, west of E	nnis Lake.		
3. DESCRIPTION				
*3.1 Site Category (choose one): Prehistor	ic Historic Paleontological C	Combination Other		
*3.2 Site Type (see recommended site type				
3.3 Narrative Description of Site: A diffuse				
1.6 sq. cm) dacite flakes. Geologically, the well-rounded, poorly bedded sand and grave deposition which suggests little chance of su	site is situated on moderately s el of Pleistocene age.   There is	orted, moderately rounded to		
3.4 Site Dimensions: 20 m X 50 m				
Surface visibility: Low 3.5 Feature Descriptions: None observed				
C.O. Factor Descriptions: None appointed				
3.6 Artifacts: ( ✓ all that apply) Chipped Stor Description: avg 1 x 1 cm dacite flakes	ne Wood Ground Stone Ceram	ics Bone Trade Other		
3.7 Diagnostic Artifacts: none identified				
3.8 Subsurface Testing: None				
3.9 Site function/interpretation: lithic scatt	er, tool preparation?			
4. PERIOD				
4.1 Apparent Time Period of Site (use drop	odowns):			

Prehistoric no temporal diagnostics Historic

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5.1 Geographic Setting: Outwash gravels paralleling South Meadow Creek drainage. Possible obscured				
terrace deposits. 5.2 Contour: Known Approximate Unknown				
5.2 Contour: Known Approximate Unknown	5.3 Elevati	on: 5400 a.m.s.l.		
5.4 View/Aspect (estimated direction and distance	S 15+ mi., E to crest Madiso	on Range, W 10 mi. to		
crest Tobacco Roots.				
5.5 Sediments: Cobbly loam Soils classified as Beav	erell cobbly loam. Parent ma	iterial gravelly alluvium.		
Deposition: Surface Only Buried Only Surface	and Buried Redeposited C	other		
5.6 Available Water Sources (use dropdown):				
5.7 Major River Drainage (name, distance, elevatio	i): Madison River 6 mi. 49	00		
5.8 Minor Drainage (name, distance, elevation): So	ith Meadow Creek 20 m 43	80		
5.9 Local Vegetation: Wheatgrass, Idaho fescue,	Regional Vegetation: Dry	Steppe		
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6. ASSESSMENT, RECORDING & MANAGEMENT	
6.1 Significance: Limited to none	
6.2 Condition/Integrity: Prrobably disturbed, typical of diffuse lithic scatters.	
6.3 Possible impacts to site: Likely building site	
6.4 Evaluation: Does this property meet National Register criteria for eligibility? Yes No	
Unevaluated	
Evaluation Procedures/Justification: Diffuse lithic scatter on private land, no national significance. 6.5 Recording status: surface examination photo map subsurface tested	
6.6 Recommendations (use dropdown):  Comments:	
6.7 Site Located by: Tom E. Roll	Date Located: 5/15/09
6.8 Site Recorded by: Tom E. Roll	Date Recorded: 6/4/09
6.9 Site form update and revisions by:	Date updated:
6.10 Federal/State Permit No: None	
6.11 Publication(s)/Report(s) where site is described: None	
6.12 Artifact Repository: None collected	
6.13 Field notes/maps/photos repository: See attached figures	
6.14 Photographs: None	
*6.15 Map: Attach a sketch map (if applicable) and photocopy of 7.5' Quad showing site location.	

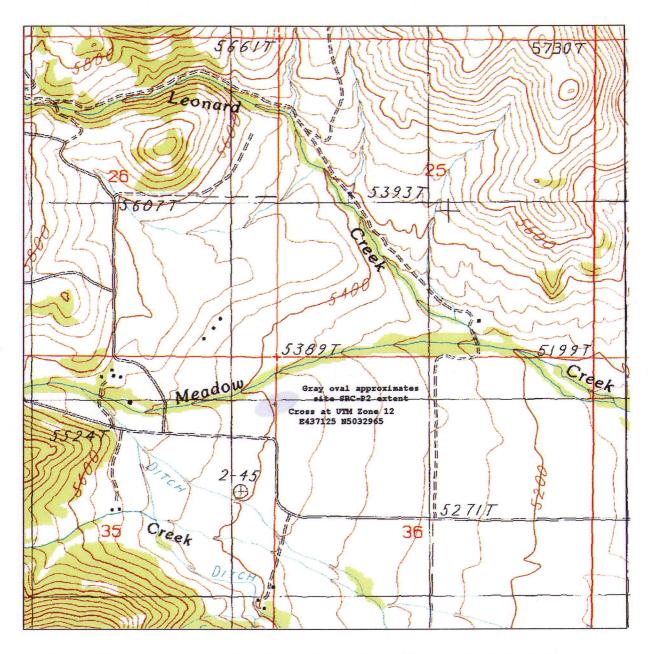


Figure IV - 1. Approximate location of site SRC-P2, lithic scatter indicated by gray ellipse. Cross near center of ellipse at UTM Zone 12, E437215 N5032965.